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PATENT APPLICATION

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Applicants: Jan-Ove Persson  
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Title: Voice Prosthesis

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Attn: William H. Matthews

Amendment

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 23, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 10 as illustrated on the attached sheets.

REMARKS

Claims 10-19 are pending in the above-identified application.

Claims 10-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,135,538 to Pawlak et al. Applicant will argue the inapplicability of this rejection to the amended claims.

Claim 10 of the present invention comprises, among other features, a magnet and a magnetically attracted material. A magnet and a magnetically attracted material differ from permanent magnets and electromagnets, and these are not interchangeable. The permanent magnet according to Pawlak is of course interchangeable with the magnet according to the present invention. Thus, for Pawlak to anticipate the present invention, a